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❖ *President Obama Support Crucial in Ed Markey Election*

Newly elected Senator, Ed Markey's, final weeks of campaigning received a boost when President Barack Obama spoke at a rally for the congressman earlier this month at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center. Several thousand supporters heard the president praise Markey, who, in a June 25 special election, won the senate seat left vacant when John Kerry became Secretary of State.

❖ *Governor Patrick and Mayor Menino Announce RoxMAPP*

Governor Duval Patrick and Mayor Tom Menino announced the formation of the Massachusetts Academic Polytech Pathways—Roxbury (RoxMAPP), a new partnership between Roxbury Community College and Madison Park Vocational Technical High School, at a press conference held this month at RCC and attended by RCC Interim President, Dr. Linda E. Turner and Boston Public Schools Superintendent, Carol Johnson, among others. One of the primary goals of the new partnership, outlined in a printed statement, will be to “increase college and career readiness by creating more seamless educational and career pathways for students.” RoxMAPP will offer new academic and career development programs that lead to “employment for students in high-demand industries including health care, information technology, and life sciences.”

❖ *RCC Graduates Largest Class in College's History*

The 315 RCC graduates who received Associate degrees and Certificates at last month's 38th Annual Commencement will be part of the largest graduating class in the College's history when they are joined by 95 additional students expected to graduate in August. The large number of graduates was a high point of Commencement, which was held at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center, and featured Guest Speaker, Steven Tompkins, Sheriff of Suffolk County and Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of Roxbury Community College. The graduates heard greetings from RCC Interim President, Dr. Linda E. Turner, and Katy Able, Associate Commissioner for External Affairs of the Massachusetts Department of Education. Renowned African American Artist, John Wilson, received the Community Service Award.

❖ *RCC's Ruth Ronan Wins Course of Distinction Award*

Ruth Ronan, a course developer in the Department of Academic Technologies at Roxbury Community College, won a Course of Distinction (COD) Award at the Massachusetts Colleges Online Conference on *eLearning: Sharing Best Practices*. Ms. Ronan's award was in the Blended Courses Category, which combines face-to-face interaction with typically web-based educational technologies. Ms. Ronan's ten-week workshop, which was titled, *Facilitated Learning*, explored characteristics of the adult learner and instructional best practices in the community college setting. Approximately 12 Roxbury Community College employees enrolled in the workshop which was facilitated by Ms. Ronan and co-facilitated by David Perkinson and assisted by Professors Quentin James, Javad Moulai, and Charles Wibiralske.

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❖ *Gateway Scholar is Successful Media Arts Intern*

Chris Maglione, a student at West Roxbury High School, has greatly enjoyed being an intern in Media Arts at RCC through the College's Gateway Scholars program, which offers inclusive concurrent enrollment opportunities for students 18-22 years old with severe disabilities. Working closely with head technician, Audrey Kimball, Chris learned the basics of what goes into a Mainstage theater production. Along with being an intern, Chris took three academic courses and is currently pursuing a certificate in Broadcast Media Technology at Roxbury Community College.

❖ *Roxbury Repertory Theater Reads Anne Frank*

The Roxbury Repertory Theater (RRT) held a stage reading this month of Wendy Kesselman's Tony Award nominated Broadway production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. The RRT read from a 90-minute adaption by Ms. Kesselman, which is a celebration of Anne Frank's radiant, wise, and resilient spirit amidst the cruelty and devastation of the Holocaust. A talkback after the reading included the playwright, the director, and the cast.

❖ *Register Now for Summer II Class*

There is still time to register for Summer II classes at Roxbury Community College. Summer II classes begin July 8th. For more information about RCC's Summer II courses, please call 617.541.5310.
